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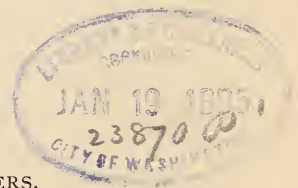
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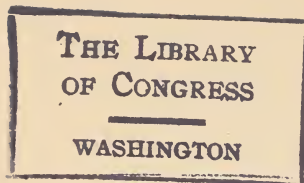
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## APPROBATION.

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We hereby give our hearty approval of the publication of the "*Office of the Most Blessed Sacrament and for the Dead*", for the use of the Confraternity of the Nocturnal Adoration. It is a faithful transcription of the "Office" as published and used at Rome by members of the Confraternity of the Nocturnal Adoration, and is enriched by carefully prepared rules for its recitation.

The Holy See has granted permission for its use in the vernacular, by the members of the Confraternity during the Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The psalms have been taken from the Douay version of the Scriptures, and the balance from the Marquis of Bute's translation of the Breviary.

JAMES GIBBONS,  
*Archbishop of Baltimore.*

*Feast of Dedication of the  
' Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.*

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# EVENING PRAYER

BEFORE THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

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*The Blessed Sacrament having been exposed and incensed the Spiritual Director, vested in Surplice and Stole, will begin by reciting aloud :*

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Lord, open our mouths that we may bless Thy Holy Name. Cleanse our hearts from all vain, evil and wandering thoughts; enlighten our understanding; kindle our affections that we may pray to and praise Thee with attention and devotion; and may worthily be heard before the presence of Thy Divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

*The Director with one assistant will recite:*

- 1 Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come.  
From Thy bright, heavenly throne;  
Come take possession of our souls  
And make them all Thine own!

*The others recite the second verse and so on, alternately to the end.*

- 2 Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The living Spring, the living Fire,  
Sweet Unction and True Love.
- 3 Thou who art sevenfold in Thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand,  
His promise teaching little ones  
To speak and understand.
- 4 O guide our minds with Thy blest light—  
With love our hearts inflame—  
And with Thy strength which ne'er decays  
Confirm our mortal frame.

- 5 Far from us drive our hellish foe,  
True peace unto us bring,  
And through all perils guide us safe,  
Beneath Thy sacred wing.
- 6 Through Thee may we the Father know  
Through Thee the Eternal Son,  
And Thee the Spirit of Them Both,  
Thrice blessed Three in One.
- 7 All glory to the Father be,  
With His co-equal Son;  
The same to Thee O Paraclete,  
While endless ages run. Amen.

*In the Easter Season instead of the last verse, the following one should be recited :*

- 7 All glory to the Father be,  
And to the risen Son,  
The same to Thee, O Paraclete,  
While endless ages run. Amen.

*Director :*

**V.** Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

*All answer :*

**B.** And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

*In the Easter Season Allelulia is added to both V. and B.*

*Director :*

LET US PRAY.

O God, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the Same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His Holy Comfort.

Prevent us, O Lord we beseech Thee, in all our doings with Thy gracious inspiration, and further us with Thy continual help that every prayer and work of ours may begin from Thee, and by Thee be duly ended.

Lord, burn our reins and our hearts with the fire of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with chaste bodies and pure minds.

O Lord, we beseech Thee that the Comforter, which proceedeth from Thee, may enlighten our minds and lead us into all truth even as Thy Son has promised unto us. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

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## ACT OF ADORATION.

The Director will read this prayer slowly, pausing at the \*

O Most loving Jesus in the Divine Sacrament of the Altar, True God and True Man, I believe firmly that Thou art here substantially present, under the appearance of bread consecrated by Thy sacred minister. I believe also that this Mystery was accomplished in memory of Thee and since Thou hast revealed it I am ready to lay down my life if necessary, to uphold it.\* Behold me then, prostrate before the throne of Thy majesty to adore Thee, and out of the abyss of my own nothingness to raise my voice in praise of Thee. Steeped in ingratitude and sin I am unworthy to address Thee except to protest that I am truly and heartily sorry for what I have done or left undone, and beg of Thee pardon and mercy.\*

I beseech Thee, O My God and My Redeemer, to strengthen my faith and my will and to give efficacy to my resolutions, for Thou knowest my weakness and instability, and that I can do nothing good without Thy aid. I hope all through Thee, for Thou hast done and suffered so much for my redemption and salvation.

Behold me then, O my Saviour, at Thy feet, like Magdalene; grant that I may wash them with tears of repentance, so that thou mayst console me as Thou didst fill her with consolation. Convert me entirely to Thee as Thou didst convert her and send

me not away until Thou hast blessed me and filled my soul with heavenly food. Crush my stony heart and strip it of all its sinful inclinations: "*Blot out, O Lord, blot out my iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*" Do Thou strike off the chains of my sins that oppress me and that keep me from Thee, and grant that I may be freed from them and return to Thee never more to depart from Thee or deprive myself of Thy grace.

Yes, O my Jesus, I hope in Thee for Thou art almighty and infinitely good and merciful, and I know that Thou lovest me with an ineffable love and that Thou seekest only my eternal happiness. I offer to Thee therefore my will, all my senses, my whole being; mayest Thou aid me and so order the rest of my days, that persevering unto death in the observance of Thy holy law, and the counsels of Thy Gospel, I may be able to say with truth, as David did: "*In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, I shall not be confounded forever.*"

I unite, O my Saviour, my feeble tribute of praise to that of Thy Holy Mother in heaven, of the angels and saints in Paradise and of all fervent souls in the world, who know how to love and honor Thee far better than I do, that through their merits, I may atone for the displeasure I have so often caused Thee by my sins.

I intend, O my Saviour, by this visit to adore Thee wherever Thou art most abandoned in the world. I desire ardently to make Thee known and loved by all men, and to spend myself for their souls. I beseech Thee to convert all sinners, to enlighten all Heretics and Schismatics, and to spread Thy Holy Faith among the Heathen and the Infidel.

O ye Angels and Saints in Heaven, my Angel Guardian, St. Peter and St. Paul, and my patron Saints, to you I recommend myself; intercede for me and help me during this holy hour of Adoration whilst I am before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.



*The Director will then continue:*

O Holy Mary, be thou a help to the helpless, a strength to the fearful, a comfort to the sorrowful; pray for the people, plead for the clergy, make intercession for all women vowed to God, may all feel the might of thine assistance.

*Then he will say:*

Lord have mercy on us.

*All answer:*

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

*All answer:*

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

*All answer:*

Lord have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,  
O all ye Holy Angels and Archangels,  
Holy Abel,  
All ye choirs of the just,  
Holy Abraham,  
St. John the Baptist,  
St. Joseph,  
O all ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,  
St. Peter,  
St. Paul,  
St. Andrew,  
St. John,  
O all ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,  
O all ye disciples of the Lord,  
O all ye holy Innocents,  
St. Stephen,  
St. Lawrence,

PRAY FOR US.

O all ye holy Martyrs,  
 St. Silvester,  
 St. Gregory,  
 St. Augustine,  
 O all ye holy Bishops and Confessors,  
 St. Benedict,  
 St. Francis,  
 O all ye holy Monks and Hermits,  
 St. Mary Magdalene,  
 St. Lucia,  
 O all ye holy Virgins and Widows,

PRAY FOR US.

O all ye holy men and women, children of God, make intercession for us.

*Director :*

**R.** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice ye just. P. T. Alleluia.

*All answer :*

**V.** And glory all ye right of heart. P. T. Alleluia.

*Director :*

LET US PRAY.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, unto all Thy servants, that they may remain continually in the enjoyment of soundness both of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sadness and enter into the joy of Thine eternal gladness.

Be thou, O Lord the shield of Thy People and cover with Thy everlasting Arm those who trust in the help of Thine Apostles Peter and Paul and Thine other Apostles. We pray Thee, O Lord, that all Thy saints may in all places succour us, and that as we call to mind their worthy acts so may we feel the comfort of their friendship. Grant Thou also peace in our days and keep Thy Church ever clean purged of all iniquity. Order Thou also our footsteps, our deeds and our wills, and the footsteps, the deeds

and the wills of all Thy servants in the straight path that leadeth unto salvation in Thee. Reward with eternal life all them that do us good. And grant eternal rest unto all the faithful departed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

*All answer :*

Amen.



ACT OF REPARATION.

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O Divine Lord, Who from the great love Thou bearest to mankind, dost dwell in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, where instead of the reverence and adoration due to Thee, Thou dost frequently receive only indifference, contempt and insult; I cast myself at Thy feet and offer reparation for all that Thou hast suffered and dost suffer daily in this Adorable Mystery.

I offer Thee reparation for all the irreverence of which I myself may have been guilty in Thy Presence, for all the bad example I may have given, and for the little devotion I have shewn to Thee in this Most Holy Sacrament.

Furthermore, I offer Thee reparation for all the sacrilege that has been committed against Thee in this Great Mystery since Its first institution and for all that may be committed in future ages.

Prostrate at Thy Feet I most humbly ask Thy pardon, and acknowledge that Thou art worthy of all praise and glory; I acknowledge that Thou, hidden in this Sacrament, art the King of Heaven and Earth; I offer Thee my homage and adoration and I consecrate myself to Thee, desiring to adore Thee wherever Thou dost reside sacramentally throughout the world, and uniting myself to the worship offered Thee by all creatures, throughout eternity. To the Lamb which was slain for us, be glory, honor, praise, might and blessing, for ever and ever. Amen.



## HORARIUM OF THE OFFICE.

### OFFICE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

The I. Nocturn is said from 9 to 10 P. M. and from 12 to 1 A. M.

“ II. “ “ “ “ 10 “ 11 “ “ “ 1 “ 2 “

“ III. “ “ “ “ 11 “ 12 “ “ “ 2 “ 3 “

Lauds “ “ “ 3 “ 4 A. M.

On Mondays and Thursdays the I Nocturn of the Dead is said from 4 to 5 A. M.

On Tuesdays and Fridays the II. Nocturn of the Dead is said from 4 to 5 A. M.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays the III. Nocturn of the Dead is said from 4 to 5 A. M.

Lauds for the Dead are said from 5 to 6 A. M.

### OFFICE FOR THE DEAD.

On the night of adoration immediately following the death of a member, the entire office for the Dead is recited as follows :

The I. Nocturn is said from 9 to 10 P. M. and from 12 to 1 A. M.

“ II. “ “ “ “ 10 “ 11 “ “ “ 1 “ 2 “

“ III. “ “ “ “ 11 “ 12 “ “ “ 2 “ 3 “

Lauds, “ “ “ 3 “ 4 A. M.

The I. Nocturn of the Office of the Blessed Sacrament is said from 4 to 5 A. M.

Lauds of the Office of Blessed Sacrament are said from 5 to 6 A. M.



2

Second adorer  
on the left.

1

First adorer  
on the left.

1

First adorer  
on the right.

2

Second adorer  
on the right.

## RULES

### For the Recitation of the Divine Office during the night.

For the recitation of the Office of the Blessed Sacrament the adorers should kneel in a line facing the altar upon which the Sacred Host is exposed. He who kneels to the right of the centre of the sanctuary is known as, *the first adorer on the right*; whilst he who is to the left of the middle of the sanctuary, *the first adorer on the left*. In like manner, he who is at the extreme right or left is known as the *second adorer on the right* or *left*.

When two adorers reach the altar to make their watch the one who reads the more easily will occupy the place of *first adorer on the right*, the other as *first adorer on the left*. At the end of the hour of adoration, these two members take the *outside* places and become second adorers of the right and left; and with the two newcomers recite the office. When the office is terminated they rise and retire.

The first adorer on the right directs the recitation of the office. If a priest be present, it is his place and right to act in that capacity.

If, during the first hour, there should be no priest to begin the office with the two adorers, the director of the night will appoint some one to remain with them during the recitation of the first nocturn and he will act as *second adorer on the right*.

# OFFICE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

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## MATINS.\*

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This first part should be said from 9 to 10 P. M. and from 12 to 1 A. M.

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*At the beginning of the office the adorers should recite inaudibly the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, JESUS. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in JESUS Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered

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\*Before beginning the Office, see that you are kneeling as in the figure at the top of preceeding page.

under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: the third day He arose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

*All standing—the first adorer on the right begins, making the sign of the cross upon his lips:*

V. + O Lord, open Thou my lips.

*All answer:*

R. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

*First adorer on the right:*

V. +. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

*All answer:*

R. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

*All answer:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

*From the Saturday before Septuagesima until Holy Thursday, inclusively, instead of Alleluia, is said:*



Ceaseless praise to Thee be given,  
O Eternal King of heaven.

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*INVITATORY.*

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*First adorer on the right:*

O come, and let us worship Christ,  
Of all the nations Lord,  
Who doth to them who feed on Him  
The Bread of Life afford. P. T. Alleluia.\*

*All repeat the same:*

*First adorer on the right:*

O come let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a  
joyful noise to the God of our Salvation: let us  
come before His presence with thanksgiving, and  
make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

*All answer:*

O come and let us worship Christ  
Of all the nations Lord,  
Who doth to them who feed on Him,  
The Bread of Life afford. P. T. Alleluia.

*First adorer, on the right:*

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King  
above all gods: in His hands are the inmost depths

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\*In Paschal Time, i. e. from Easter to Trinity Sunday, inclusively.

of the earth; and the heights of the hills are His also.

*All answer:*

Who doth to them who feed on Him,  
The Bread of Life afford. P. T. Alleluia.

*First adorer on the right:*

For the sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land: (*all kneel*) O come, let us worship and fall down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, (*here stand.*) For He is the Lord our God; and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

*All answer:*

O come, and let us worship Christ,  
Of all the nations Lord,  
Who doth to them who feed on Him;  
The Bread of Life afford. P. T. Alleluia.

*First adorer on the right:*

To-day if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts: as in the "Provocation" and as in the Day of "Temptation" in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, and proved Me, although they had seen My works.

*All answer:*

Who doth to them who feed on Him,  
The Bread of Life afford. P. T. Alleluia.

*First adorer on the right:*

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their hearts, and they have not known My ways: unto whom I swore in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest.

*All answer:*

O come, and let us worship Christ,  
Of all the nations Lord,  
Who doth to them who feed on Him,  
The Bread of Life afford. P. T. Alleluia.

*First adorer on the right:*

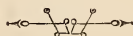
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*All answer:*

Who doth to them who feed on Him,  
The Bread of Life afford. P. T. Alleluia.

*All answer:*

O come, and let us worship Christ,  
Of all the nations Lord,  
Who doth to them who feed on Him,  
The Bread of Life afford. P. T. Alleluia.



*HYMN.*

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*The adorers on the right:*

Let old things pass away;  
Let all be fresh and bright;  
And welcome we with hearts renewed,  
This feast of new delight.

*The adorers on the left:*

Upon this hallowed eve,  
Christ with His brethren ate,  
Obedient to the olden Law,  
The Pasch before Him set.

*The adorers on the right:*

Which done,—Himself entire,  
The True Incarnate God,  
Alike on each, alike on all,  
His sacred Hands bestowed.

*The adorers on the left:*

He gave His Flesh; He gave  
His Precious Blood; and said:  
Receive and drink ye all of This  
For your salvation shed.

*The adorers on the right:*

Thus did the Lord appoint  
This Sacrifice sublime,  
And made His Priests the ministers  
Through all the bounds of time.



*The adorers on the left:*

Farewell to types! henceforth  
We feed on Angels' Food;  
The slave,—O wonder! eats the Flesh  
Of his Incarnate God!

*The adorers on the right:*

O Blessed Three in One:  
Visit our hearts we pray,  
And lead us on through Thine own paths  
To Thy eternal day. Amen

## FIRST NOCTURN.

*First adorer on the right:*

*Antiphon.*—The Lord brought forth His fruit  
in the season of His death, even that fruit whereof  
if any man eat, he shall live forever. P. T. Alleluia.

*In Paschal-time only one Antiphon, namely the  
First is said at each Nocturn.*

*The following psalms and antiphons are recited  
alternately by the adorers on the right and on the left  
beginning by the former.*

### PSALM I.

Blessed is the man who hath not walked in the  
council of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of  
sinners,\* nor sat in the chair of pestilence.

But his will is the law of the Lord,\* and on His

law he shall meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree which is planted near the running waters,\* which shall bring forth its fruit, in due season.

And his leaf shall not fall off;\* and all whatsoever he shall do shall prosper.

Not so the wicked, not so;\* but like the dust which the wind driveth from the face of the earth.

Therefore the wicked shall not rise again in judgment;\* nor sinners in the council of the just.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the just;\* and the way of the wicked shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—The Lord brought forth His fruit in the season of His death even that fruit whereof if any man eat, he shall live forever. P. T. Alleluia.

*Ant.*—His faithful ones which are increased by the fruit of His corn and His wine do lay them down in peace and sleep in Christ. P. T. Alleluia.

#### *PSALM IV.*

When I called upon Him, the Lord of my justice heard me;\* when I was in distress, Thou hast enlarged me.

Have mercy on me:\* and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of man, how long will ye be dull of heart?\* Why do you love vanity, and seek after lying?

Know ye also that the Lord hath made His holy one wonderful:\* the Lord will hear me when I shall cry unto Him.

Be ye angry, and sin not:\* the things you say in your hearts, be sorry for them upon your beds.

Offer up the sacrifice of justice, and trust in the Lord:\* many say, Who sheweth us good things?

The light of thy countenance, O Lord, is signed upon us:\* thou hast given gladness in my heart.

By the fruit of their corn, their wine, and oil,\* they are multiplied.

In peace in the self same I will sleep,\* and I will rest:

For thou, O Lord,\* singularly hath settled me in hope.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—His faithful ones which are increased by the fruit of His corn and His wine do lay them down in peace and sleep in Christ. P. T. Alleluia.

*Ant.*—Us, being many, hath the Lord made one body, for we are all partakers of that one cup, which is not the communion of the blood of bulls, but of God Himself. P. T. Alleluia.

*PSALM XV.*

Preserve me, O Lord, for I have put my trust in Thee.\* I have said to the Lord, Thou art my God, for Thou hast no need of my goods.

To the saints who are in His land,\* He hath made wonderful all my desires in them.

Their infirmities were multiplied:\* afterwards they made haste.

I will not gather together their meetings for blood-offerings:\* nor will I be mindful of their names by my lips.

The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup:\* it is Thou that wilt restore my inheritance to me.

The lines are fallen unto me in goodly places:\* for my inheritance is goodly to me.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me understanding:\* moreover my reins also have corrected me even till night.

I set the Lord always in my sight:\* for He is at my right hand, that I be not moved.

Therefore my heart hath been glad, and my



tongue hath rejoiced:⁂ moreover my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;⁂ nor wilt thou give thy holy one to see corruption.

Thou hast made known to me the ways of life, thou shalt fill me with joy with thy countenance:⁂ at thy right hand are delights even to the end.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,⁂ and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,⁂ world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—Us, being many, hath the Lord made one body, for we are all partakers of that one cup, which is not the communion of the blood of bulls, but of God Himself. P. T. Alleluia.

*All rise and the first adorer on the right says:*

ψ. He gave them of the bread of heaven.

Alleluia.

*All answer:*

℞. 'Man did eat angels' bread. Alleluia.

*The Alleluia is ommitted from the eve of Septuagesima Sunday until Holy Thursday, inclusively.*

*First adorer on the right:*

Our Father (*inaudibly*) who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us.

*All unite in the Our Father inaudibly.*

*First adorer on the right:*

V. And lead us not into temptation.

*All answer:*

R. But deliver us from evil.

*The first adorer on the right will then recite the*  
ABSOLUTION.

Graciously hear, O Lord Jesus Christ, the prayers of Thy servants and have mercy upon us: Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end.

*All answer: Amen.*

*The second adorer on the right, bowing towards the Blessed Sacrament, asks the blessing: \**

O Lord, be pleased to give the blessing.

*The first adorer on the right says:*

May the Eternal Father bless us with an everlasting blessing.

*All answer: Amen.*

*All then sit except the second adorer on the right who recites the*

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*\*If a priest preside at the office the blessing is asked, bowing toward him:—*  
Be pleased to give the blessing, Reverend Father.

*FIRST LESSON.*

The lesson is taken from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (xi. 20.)

When ye come together, therefore, into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's Supper. For every one taketh before his own supper to eat, and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the Church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? Do I praise you? In this I praise you not.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All answer.* R. Thanks be to God.

*All then recite the Responsory:*

The whole assembly of the children of Israel shall kill the lamb towards the evening of the Passover. And they shall eat the flesh and unleavened bread. P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right:*

ψ. Even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*All answer:*

R. And they shall eat the flesh and unleavened bread. P. T. Alleluia.

*Then the second adorer on the right asks the blessing as before:*

O Lord be pleased to give the blessing.

*First adorer on the right rising, says:*

May the Son the Sole-Begotten mercifully bless and help us. (*He then sits down.*)

*All answer:* Amen.

*The second adorer on the right still standing, recites the*

### SECOND LESSON.

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord JESUS, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said: Take, eat: This is My Body, which shall be given for you; this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying: This Cup is the New Testament in My Blood. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye show the Lord's death till He come.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All answer:* R. Thanks be to God.

*All then recite the Responsory:*

R. Ye shall eat flesh, and shall be filled with



bread. This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat. P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right:*

ψ. Moses gave you not that Bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you the true Bread from heaven.

*All answer:*

R. This is the Bread which the Lord hath given you to eat. P. T. Alleluia.

*The second adorer on the right then begs the blessing as before:*

O Lord, be pleased to give the blessing.

*First adorer on the right rising, says:*

May the grace of God the Spirit all our heart and mind enlighten. (*He then sits down.*)

*All answer:* Amen.

*The second adorer on the right then recites the*

### THIRD LESSON.

Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this Bread, or drink the Cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread and drink of that Cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's Body. For this cause many are weak and

sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All answer :* R. Thanks be to God.

*All then recite the Responsory:*

R. Elijah looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals at his head, and he arose, and did eat and drink; and went in the strength of that meat—forty days and forty nights—unto the mount of God. P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right :*

ψ. If any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever.

*All answer :* R. And went in the strength of that meat—forty days and forty nights—unto the mount of God. P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right :*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*All answer :* R. And went in the strength of that meat—forty days and forty nights—unto the mount of God. P. T. Alleluia.

## SECOND NOCTURN.

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This second part should be said from 10 to 11 P. M. and from 1 to 2 A. M.

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*First adorer on the right:*

*Antiphon.*—The Lord remember our offering and accept our burnt sacrifice. P. T Alleluia.

*In Paschal-time only one Antiphon, namely the First, is said at each Nocturn.*

*The psalms and antiphons which follow are to be said alternately by those on the right and on the left, beginning by the former.*

### PSALM XIX.

May the Lord hear thee in the day of tribulation:\* may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

May He send thee help from the sanctuary:\* and defend thee out of Sion.

May He be mindful of all thy sacrifices:\* and may thy whole burnt offering be made fat.

May He give thee according to thy own heart:\* and confirm all thy counsels.

We will rejoice in thy salvation;\* and in the name of our God we shall be exalted.

The Lord fulfil all thy petitions;\* now have I known that the Lord hath saved His anointed.

He will hear him from His holy heaven;\* the salvation of His right hand *is* in powers.

Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses:\* but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

They are bound, and have fallen:\* but we are risen, and are set upright.

O Lord, save the king;\* and hear us in the day that we shall call upon Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—The Lord remember our offering and accept our burnt sacrifice. P. T. Alleluia.

*Ant.*—The Lord prepareth His table before us in the presence of our enemies.

### PSALM XXII.

The Lord ruleth me and I shall want nothing:\* He hath sent me in a place of pasture.

He hath brought me up, on the water of refreshment:\* He hath converted my soul.

He hath led me on the paths of Justice,\* for His own name's sake.



For though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evils,\* for Thou art with me.

Thy rod and Thy staff,\* they have comforted me.

Thou hast prepared a table before me,\* against them that afflict me.

Thou hast anointed my head with oil;\* and my chalice which inebriateth *me* how goodly is it!

And Thy mercy will follow me\* all the days of my life.

And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord,\* unto length of days.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen,

*Ant.*—The Lord prepareth His table before us, in the presence of our enemies.

*Ant.*—Let them that keep holiday around the table of the Lord, make the voice of joy and praise to be heard in the house of God.

### *PSALM XLI.*

As the hart panteth after the fountains of waters,\* so my soul panteth after Thee, O God.

My soul hath thirsted after the strong living God:\* when shall I come and appear before the face of God?

My tears have been my bread day and night, whilst it is said to me daily:\* Where is thy God?

These things I remembered, and poured out my soul in me:\* for I shall go over into the place of the wonderful tabernacle, even to the house of God.

With the voice of joy and praise,\* the noise of one feasting.

Why art thou sad, O my soul?\* and why dost thou trouble me?

Hope in God, for I will still give praise to him:\* the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

My soul is troubled within myself:\* therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan, and Hermoniim, from the little hill.

Deep calleth on deep,\* at the noise of thy flood gates.

All thy heights and thy billows\* have passed over me.

In the day time the Lord hath commanded His mercy,\* and a canticle to Him in the night.

With me *is* prayer to the God of my life,\* I will say to God: Thou art my support.

Why hast Thou forgotten me? and why go I mourning, whilst my enemy afflicteth me?

Whilst my bones are broken,\* my enemies who trouble me have reproached me.

Whilst they say to me day by day: Where is thy God? Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why dost thou disquiet me?

Hope thou in God, for I will still give praise to Him:\* the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—Let them that keep holiday around the table of the Lord, make the voice of joy and praise to be heard in the house of God.

*First adorer on the right, all standing:*

ψ. He fed them with the finest of the wheat.

P. T. Alleluia.

*All answer:*

℞. And with honey out of the Rock did He satisfy them. P. T. Alleluia.

*From the Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday until Holy Thursday, inclusive, the Alleluia is not said.*

*First adorer on the right:*

Our Father (*inaudibly*) who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass  
against us.

*All unite in the Our Father inaudibly.*

*First adorer on the right:*

¶. And lead us not into temptation.

*All answer:*

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*The first adorer on the right will then recite the*  
ABSOLUTION :

May His loving-kindness and mercy help us,  
who liveth and reigneth with the Father, and the  
Holy Ghost, world without end.

*All answer:* Amen.

*Second adorer on the right, bowing towards the*  
*Blessed Sacrament:*

O Lord, be pleased to give Thy blessing.

*First adorer on the right:*

God the Father Omnipotent,  
Be to us merciful and clement.

*All answer:* Amen.



*Then all sit except the second adorer on the right,  
who reads the*

*FOURTH LESSON.*

The Lesson is taken from the sermons of St. Thomas of Aquino.

The immeasurable benefits which the good men of God hath bestowed on Christian people, have conferred on them a dignity beyond all price. "For what nation is there so great, who hath gods so nigh unto them, as the Lord, our God is" unto us? The Only-begotten Son of God, being pleased to make us "partakers of the Divine nature," took our nature upon Him, being Himself made man that He might make men Gods. And all, as much of ours as He took, He applied to our salvation. On the altar of the Cross He offered up His Body to God the Father, as a Sacrifice for our reconciliation; He shed His Blood as the price whereby He redeemeth us from wretchedness and bondage, and the washing whereby He cleanseth us from all sin. And for a noble and abiding memorial of that so great work of His goodness, He hath left unto His faithful ones the same His very Body for Meat, and the same His very Blood for Drink, to be fed upon, under the appearance of bread and wine.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All answer :* R. Thanks be to God.

*Then continuing, they say :*

R. As they were eating, JESUS took bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said: Take, eat; this is My Body.

P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right :*

V. The men of my tabernacle said: O that we had of His Flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

*All answer :*

Take, eat; This is My Body. P. T. Alleluia.

*The second adorer on the right says, bowing to the Blessed Sacrament :*

O Lord, be pleased to give the blessing.

*First adorer on the right rises and says :*

May Christ to all His people give,  
Forever in His sight to live.

*All answer :* Amen.

*Then all sit except the second adorer on the right who recites the*

### FIFTH LESSON.

O how precious a thing then, how marvellous, how health-giving, how furnished with all dainties is the Supper of the Lord! Than His Supper can anything be more precious? Therein there is put before us for meat, not as of old time, the flesh of

bulls and of goats, but Christ himself, our very God. Than this Sacrament, can anything be more marvellous? Therein it cometh to pass that bread and wine are bread and wine no more, but in the stead thereof there is the Body and and there is the Blood of Christ; that is to say, Christ Himself, Perfect God and Perfect Man, Christ Himself is there under the appearance of a little bread and wine. His faithful ones eat Him, but He is not mangled; nay, when the veil which shroudeth Him in this Sacrament is broken, in each broken piece thereof remaineth whole Christ Himself, Perfect God and Perfect Man. All that the senses can reach in this Sacrament, look, taste, feel, smell and the like, all these abide of Bread and Wine, but the Thing is not bread and wine. And thus room is left for faith; Christ who hath a Form, That can be seen, is here taken and received not only unseen, but seeming to be bread and wine, and the senses, which judge by the united look are warranted against error.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All answer:* R. Thanks be to God,

*Then continuing they say:*

R. JESUS took the cup after supper saying:

This cup is the New Testament in My Blood.  
This do in remembrance of me. P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right :*

✠. My soul hath them still in remembrance  
and is humbled in me.

*All answer :*

This do in remembrance of me. P. T. Alleluia.  
*The second adorer on the right, bowing to the Blessed  
Sacrament, says :*

O Lord, be pleased to give the blessing.

*First adorer on the right :*

May the Spirit's Fire Divine,  
In our hearts enkindled shine.

*All answer : Amen.*

*Then all sit except the second adorer on the right  
who recites the*

### *SIXTH LESSON.*

Than this Sacrament can anything be more  
health-giving? Thereby are sins purged away,  
strength renewed, and the soul fed on the fatness  
of spiritual gifts. This supper is offered up in  
the church both for the living and the dead; it  
was ordained to the health of all, all get the good  
of it. Than this Sacrament can anything be more  
furnished with dainties? The glorious sweetness



thereof is of a truth such that no man can fully tell it. Therein ghostly comfort is sucked from its very well-head. Therein a memorial is made of that exceeding great love which Christ showed in the time of His sufferings. It was in order that the boundless goodness of that His great love might be driven home into the hearts of His faithful ones, that when He had celebrated the Passover with His disciples, and the last Supper was ended, the Lord "Jesus knowing that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world, unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end"—and instituted this Sacrament—this Sacrament, the everlasting forth—"showing of His death until He come" again—this Sacrament, the embodied fulfillment of all the ancient types and figures—this Sacrament the greatest miracle which He ever wrought, and the one mighty joy of them that now have sorrow, till He shall come again, and their heart shall rejoice, and their joy no man take from them.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

*All answer :* R. Thanks be to God.

*Then continuing they say :*

R. I am that Bread of life. Your fathers did

eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the Bread Which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right :*

ψ. I am the living Bread Which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live forever.

*All answer :*

℞. This is the Bread Which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right :*

ψ. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All answer :*

℞. This is the Bread Which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.  
P. T. Alleluia.

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## THIRD NOCTURN.

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This third part should be said from 11 to 12 P. M. and from 2 to 3 A. M.

*First adorer on the right :*

*Antiphon.*—I will go unto the altar of God I will feed on Christ, Which is the Renewer of my youth. P. T. Alleluia.

*The antiphons and psalms which follow are to be said alternately by those on the right and on the left beginning by the former.*

PSALM XLII.

Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy :\* deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

For Thou art God my strength :\* why hast Thou cast me off? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

Send forth Thy light and Thy truth :\* they have conducted me, and brought me unto Thy holy hill, and into Thy tabernacles.

And I will go into the altar of God :\* to God who giveth joy to my youth.

To Thee, O God my God, I will give praise upon the harp :\* why art thou sad, O my soul? and why dost thou disquiet me?

Hope in God, for I will still give praise to Him :\* the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—I will go unto the altar of God :\* I will feed on Christ, Which is the Renewer of my youth.

*Ant.*—The Lord hath fed us with the finest of the wheat, and with honey out of the rock hath He satisfied us.

. *PSALM LXXX.*

Rejoice to God our helper :\* sing aloud to the God of Jacob.

Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel :\* the pleasant psaltery with the harp.

Blow up the trumpet on the new moon,\* on the noted day of your solemnity.

For it is a commandment in Israel,\* and a judgment of the God of Jacob.

He ordained it for a testimony in Joseph, when he came out of the land of Egypt,\* he heard a tongue which he knew not.

He removed his back from the burdens :\* his hands had served in baskets.

Thou calledst upon me in affliction, and I delivered Thee :\* I heard Thee in the secret place of tempest : I proved Thee at the waters of contradiction.

Hear, O My people, and I will testify to Thee :\*



O Israel, if thou wilt hearken to Me, there shall be no new God in thee: neither shalt thou adore a strange God.

For I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt:\* open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But My people heard not My voice:\* and Israel hearkened not to Me.

So I let them go according to the desires of their heart:\* they shall walk in their own inventions.

If My people had heard Me;\* if Israel had walked in My ways;

I should soon have humbled their enemies,\* and laid My hand on them that troubled them.

The enemies of the Lord have lied to Him:\* and their time shall be forever.

And He fed them with the fat of wheat,\* and filled them with honey out of the rock.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—The Lord hath fed us with the finest of the wheat, and with honey out of the Rock hath He satisfied us.

*Ant.*—It is at Thine altar, O Lord, that we do feed on Christ, for Whom our heart and our flesh crieth out.

*PSALM LXXXIII.*

How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!\* my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh\* have rejoiced in the living God.

For the sparrow hath found herself a house,\* and the turtle a nest for herself, where she may lay her young ones:

Thy altars, O Lord of hosts,\* my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O Lord:\* they shall praise Thee for ever and ever.

Blessed is the man whose help is from Thee:\* in his heart he hath disposed to ascend by steps, in the vale of tears, in the place which He hath set.

For the lawgiver shall give a blessing; they shall go from virtue to virtue:\* the God of gods shall be seen in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:\* give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our protector;\* and look on the face of thy Christ.

For better is one day in Thy courts\* above thousands.

I have chosen to be an abject in the house of my God,\* rather than to dwell in the tabernacles of sinners.

For God loveth mercy and truth:\* the Lord will give grace and glory.

He will not deprive of good things them that walk in innocence:\* O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—It is at Thine altar, O Lord, that we do feed on Christ, for Whom our heart and our flesh crieth out.

*All standing, the first adorer on the right says:*

ψ. Thou bringest forth food out of the earth.

P. T. Alleluia.

R. And wine that maketh glad the heart of man. P. T. Alleluia.

*From the Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday until Holy Thursday inclusive the Alleluia is not said.*

*First adorer on the right:*

Our Father (*inaudibly*) who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us.

*All unite in the Our Father inaudibly.*

*First adorer on the right:*

ψ. And lead us not into temptation.

*All answer:*

℞. But deliver us from evil.

*The first adorer on the right will then recite the*

ABSOLUTION :

May the Almighty and merciful Lord loose us from the bonds of our sins.

*All answer:* Amen.

*Second adorer on the right, bowing towards the Blessed Sacrament:*

O Lord, be pleased to give the blessing.

*First adorer on the right:*

May the Gospels holy lection,  
Be our safety and protection.



*All answer:* Amen.

*Then the first adorer on the right reads the following:*

The Lesson is taken from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus said unto the multitudes of the Jews: My Flesh is meat indeed, and My Blood is drink indeed. And so on.

*Then all sit except the second adorer on the right who reads the*

### SEVENTH LESSON.

Homily by St. Austin, Bishop.

By use of meat and drink men would fain that “they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more,” and yet there is but one Meat and one Drink, which doth work in them that feed thereon that “this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal put on immortality,”—namely, communion with that general assembly and Church of God’s holy children, who are “kept in perfect peace,” and are “all one,” fully and utterly. And therefore it is, as men of God before our time have taken it, that our Lord Jesus Christ hath set before us His Body and His Blood in the likeness of things which, from being many, are

reduced into one. In one loaf are many grains of corn, and one cup of wine the juice of many grapes. And now He giveth us to know how that which He spake cometh to pass, and how indeed "this Man can give us His Flesh to eat," and His Blood to drink.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us

*All answer:* R. Thanks be to God.

*Then continuing they say:*

He that eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood dwelleth in Me and I in him. P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right:*

¶. What nation is there so great, who hath gods so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is to us?

*All answer:*

R. Dwelleth in Me, and I in him. P. T. Alleluia.

*The second adorer on the right bowing towards the Blessed Sacrament, says:*

O Lord, be pleased to give the blessing.

*First adorer on the right:*

God's almighty strength alway,  
Be His people's staff and stay.

*All answer:* Amen.

*Then the second adorer reads the*  
**EIGHTH LESSON.**

“He that eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.” To dwell in Christ, therefore, and to have Him dwelling in us, is to “eat of that Bread and drink of that cup,” and he who dwelleth not in Christ, and in whom Christ dwelleth not, without all doubt doth not spiritually eat His Flesh nor drink His Blood, although he do carnally and visibly press the Sacrament with his teeth; but, contrariwise, he “eateth and drinketh damnation to himself,” because he dareth to draw nigh filthy to that mystery of Christ, whereunto none draweth nigh worthily, save he who is pure, even he who is of them concerning whom it is said:—“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.”

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All answer:* R. Thanks be to God.

*Then continuing they say:*

As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right.*

ψ. With the bread of life and understanding hath the Lord fed him.

*All answer :*

R. So he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. P. T. Alleluia.

*Second adorer on the right*

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All answer :*

R. So he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. P. T. Alleluia.

*Then the second adorer on the right bowing towards the Blessed Sacrament says :*

O Lord, be pleased to give the blessing.

*First adorer on the right :*

May He That is the Angels' King

To that high realm His people bring.

*All answer :* Amen.

*Then all sit except the second adorer on the right who reads the*

### NINTH LESSON.

“As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me.” This is as though He said:—The Father hath sent Me into the world and I have “emptied Myself and taken upon Me the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and



in habit found as a man.” I have My life from the Father as One That is greater than I. He that eateth Me, even he, by thereby taking part in Me, shall live by Me. It is as having humbled Myself that I live by the Father, but he that eateth Me, him will I raise up and so he shall live by Me. It is said:—“I live by the Father;” that is to say, He is of the Father, not the Father of Him and yet not so, but that the Father and the Son are co-equal together. Also it is said:—“so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me,” whereby He showeth the gracious work towards His people of Him Who is the “one Mediator between God and man” and not that He Who is eaten and he who eateth Him are co-equal together.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All rise and answer :*

**R.** Thanks be to God.

*The TE DEUM is recited standing, the adorers on the right beginning with the first verse and those on the left continuing with the second and so on to the end.*

**TE DEUM.**

We praise Thee, O God :\* we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee,\* the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud,\* the heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim\* continually do cry:

Holy,

Holy,

Holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth\* are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee:

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets\* praise Thee:

The white-robed army of Martyrs\* praise Thee:

The Holy Church throughout all the world\* doth acknowledge Thee:

The Father\* of an infinite Majesty:

Thine honorable, true\* and Only Son.

Also the Holy Ghost,\* the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory,\* O Christ!

Thou art the everlasting Son\* of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,\* Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb:

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,\* Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers:

Thou sittest at the right hand of God,\* in the glory of the Father:

We believe that Thou shalt come\* to be our Judge:

*Here all kneel.*

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,\* whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood.

*All stand.*

Make them to be numbered\* with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy People,\* and bless Thine inheritance.

Govern them\* and lift them up for ever.

Day by day\* we magnify Thee:

And we worship Thy name,\* ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord,\* this day, to keep us without sin.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,\* have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us,\* as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted:\* let me never be confounded.

## LAUDS.

This fourth part should be said from 12 to 1 A. M. and from 3 to 4 A. M.

*All standing, the first adorer on the right, making the sign of the cross, says:*

℣. + Make haste, O God, to deliver me,

*All answer:* ℞. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Continuing they say:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

*From Septuagesima Sunday to Maunday Thursday instead of "Alleluia" is said:*

Ceaseless praise to Thee be given,  
O Eternal King of Heaven.

*First adorer on the right:*

*Antiphon.*—Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath mingled her wine, she hath also furnished her table. Alleluia.

*The antiphons and psalms which follow are to be said alternately by those on the right and on the left beginning by the former.*

### PSALM XCII.

The Lord hath reigned: he is clothed with



beauty:\* the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself.

For He hath established the world\* which shall not be moved.

Thy throne is prepared from of old:\* Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord;\* the floods have lifted up their voice.

The floods have lifted up their waves,\* with the noise of many waters.

Wonderful are the surges of the sea\* wonderful is the Lord on high.

Thy testimonies are become exceedingly credible:\* holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath mingled her wine, she hath also furnished her table. Alleluia.

*Ant.*—Thou feddest Thine Own people with Angels' food, and didst send them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

*PSALM XCIX.*

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth:\* serve ye the Lord with gladness.

Come in before His presence\* with exceeding great joy.

Know ye that the Lord He is God\* He made us, and not we ourselves.

*We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.\* Go ye into His gates with praise, into His courts with hymns: and give glory to Him.

Praise ye His name: for the Lord is sweet, His mercy endureth for ever,\* and His truth to generation and generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—Thou feddest Thine Own people with Angels' food, and didst send them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

*Ant.*—Out of Christ His bread shall be fat and He shall yield royal dainties.

*PSALM LXII.*

O God my God,\* to Thee do I watch at break of day.

For Thee my soul hath thirsted;\* for Thee my flesh O how many ways!

In a desert land, and where there is no way, and no water:\* so in the sanctuary have I come before Thee, to see Thy power and Thy glory.

For Thy mercy is better than lives:\* Thee my lips shall praise.

Thus will I bless Thee *all* my life long:\* and in Thy name I will lift up my hands.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness:\* and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips,

If I have remembered Thee upon my bed, I will meditate on Thee in the morning:\* because Thou hast been my helper.

And I will rejoice under the covert of Thy wings:\* my soul hath stuck close to Thee:\* Thy right hand hath received me.

But they have sought my soul in vain, they shall go into the lower parts of the earth:\* they shall be delivered into the hands of the sword, they shall be the portions of foxes.

But the king shall rejoice in God, all they shall be praised that swear by Him:\* because the mouth is stopped of them that speak wicked things.

*Here the "Glory be to the Father" is not said.*

*PSALM LXVI.*

May God have mercy on us, and bless us;\* may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and may He have mercy on us.

That we may know Thy way upon earth:\* Thy salvation in all nations.

Let people confess to Thee, O God:\* let all people give praise to Thee.

Let the nations be glad and rejoice:\* for Thou judgest the people with justice, and directest the nations upon earth.

Let the people, O God, confess to Thee let all the people give praise to Thee:\* the earth hath yielded her fruit.

May God our God bless us, may God bless us:\* and all the ends of the earth fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—Out of Christ His bread shall be fat and He shall yield royal dainties. Alleluia.

*Ant.*—The Priests shall be holy; for the offerings of the Lord made by fire: and the bread of their God, they do offer, therefore they shall be holy.



*The Song of the Three Holy Children. (Danl. III. 57)*

All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord:\*  
praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord:\* O ye  
heavens, bless the Lord.

O all ye waters that are above the heavens, bless  
the Lord:\* O all ye powers of the Lord, bless the  
Lord.

O ye sun and moon, bless the Lord:\* O ye  
stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord:\* O  
all ye spirits of God, bless the Lord.

O ye fire and heat, bless the Lord:\* O ye cold  
and heat, bless the Lord

O ye dews and hoar frost, bless the Lord:\* O  
ye frost and cold, bless the Lord.

O ye ice and snow, bless the Lord:\* O ye nights  
and days, bless the Lord.

O ye light and darkness, bless the Lord:\* O ye  
lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

O let the earth bless the Lord:\* let it praise  
and exalt Him above all for ever.

O ye mountains and hills, bless the Lord:\* O  
all ye things that spring up in the earth, bless  
the Lord.

O ye fountains, bless the Lord:\* O ye seas and rivers, bless the Lord

O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless the Lord:\* O all ye fowls of the air, bless the Lord.

O all ye beasts and cattle, bless the Lord:\* O ye sons of men, bless the Lord.

O let Israel bless the Lord:\* let him praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

O ye priests of the Lord bless the Lord:\* O ye servants of the Lord bless the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the just bless the Lord:\* O ye holy and humble of heart bless the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord:\* praise Him and exalt Him above all for ever.

Bless we the Father and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:\* let us praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:\* and to be praised and glorified, and exalted above all for ever.

*Here the "Glory be to the Father" is not said.*

*Ant.*—The Priests shall be holy; for the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and the bread of

their God, they do offer, therefore they shall be holy.

*Ant.*—To Him that overcometh will I give of the hidden manna and will give him a new name.

Alleluia.

*PSALM CXLVIII.*

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens:\* praise ye Him in the high places.

Praise ye Him, all His Angels:\* praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, O sun and moon:\* praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens:\* and let all the waters that are above the heavens, praise the name of the Lord.

For He spoke, and they were made:\* He commanded, and they were created.

He hath established them for ever, and for ages of ages:\* He hath made a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,\* ye dragons, and all ye deeps:

Fire, hail, snow, ice, stormy winds,\* which fulfil His word:

Mountains, and all hills,\* fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts, and all cattle:\* serpents, and feathered fowls:

Kings of the earth, and all people:\* princes and all judges of the earth:

Young men, and maidens: let the old with the younger praise the name of the Lord:\* for His name alone is exalted.

The praise of Him is above heaven and earth:\* and He hath exalted the horn of His people

A hymn to all His saints:\* to the children of Israel, a people approaching to Him.

*Here the "Glory be to the Father" is not said.*

### PSALM CXLIX.

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle:\* let His praise be in the church of the saints.

Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him:\* and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise His name in choir:\* let them sing to Him with the timbrel and the psaltery.

For the Lord is well pleased with His people:\* and He will exalt the meek unto salvation.

The saints shall rejoice in glory:\* they shall be joyful in their beds.



The high praises of God shall be in their mouth:✽ and two-edged swords in their hands;

To execute vengeance upon the nations,✽ chastisements among the people;

To bind their kings with fetters,✽ and their nobles with manacles of iron;

To execute upon them the judgment that is written:✽ this glory is to all His saints.

*Here the "Glory be to the Father" is not said.*

*PSALM CL.*

Praise ye the Lord in His holy places:✽ praise ye Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise ye Him for His mighty acts:✽ praise ye Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

Praise Him with sound of trumpet:✽ praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with timbrel and choir:✽ praise Him with strings and organs.

Praise Him on high-sounding cymbals: praise Him on cymbals of joy:✽ let every spirit praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,✽ and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,✽ world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—To him that overcometh will I give of the hidden manna, and will give him a new name.  
Alleluia.

*All standing, the first adorer on the right will recite the CHAPTER. (I. Corinth. XI—23.)*

Brethren, I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said: Take, eat; this is My Body, which shall be given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.

*All answer :* R. Thanks be to God.

### HYMN.

*The adorers on the right will recite the first verse, and those on the left the second, and so on, alternately to the end.*

The Word of God proceeding forth,  
Yet leaving not the Father's side,  
And going to His work on earth,  
Had reached at length life's even-tide,  
By a disciple to be given  
To rivals for His blood athirst;  
Himself, the very Bread of heaven,  
He gave to His disciples first.

He gave Himself in either kind;  
His Precious Flesh; His Precious Blood;  
Of flesh and blood is man combined,  
And He of man would be the Food.

In Birth man's Fellow-man was He;  
His Meat, while sitting at the Board;  
He died, his Ransomer to be;  
He reigns, to be his Great Reward.

O Saving Victim, slain to bless!  
Who openest heaven's bright gates to all!  
The attacks of many a foe oppress;  
Give strength in strife, and help in fall.

To God, the Three in One, ascend  
All thanks and praise for evermore;  
He grant the life that shall not end,  
Upon the heavenly country's shore. Amen.

*First adorer on the right:*

ψ. He maketh peace in thy borders. Alleluia.

*All answer:*

℞. And filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.  
Alleluia.

*First adorer on the right:*

*Ant.*—I am the living Bread which came down  
from heaven: if any man eat of this Bread he  
shall live for ever. Alleluia.

## CANTICLE OF ZACHARY.

*All rise. The verses of this canticle are to be said alternately by the adorers on the right and on the left, beginning by the former.*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,\* because He hath visited and wrought the redemption of His people:

And hath raised up a horn of salvation to us,\* in the house of David His servant;

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,\* who are from the beginning:

Salvation from our enemies,\* and from the hand of all that hate us:

To shew mercy to our fathers;\* and to remember His holy covenant.

The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,\* that He would grant to us:

That being delivered from the hand of our enemies,\* we may serve Him without fear,

In holiness and justice before Him\* all our days.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the most High:\* for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare His way:

To give knowledge of salvation to His people,\* unto the remission of their sins,



Through the bowels of the mercy of our God;\* in which the Orient, from on high, hath visited us:

To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:\* to direct our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,\* world without end. Amen.

*Ant.*—I am the living Bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this Bread he shall live for ever. Alleluia.

*First adorer on the right:*

ψ. O Lord hear my prayer.

*All answer:*

℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

*First adorer on the right:*

LET US PRAY.

O God, Who under a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us whereby to show forth Thy Suffering Death, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, so reverently to handle the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Thy Blood that we may always feel within ourselves the fruit of Thy Redeeming work.

Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end.

*All answer:* Amen.

*First adorer on the right;*

ψ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

*All answer:*

℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

*First adorer on the right:*

ψ. Let us bless the Lord.

*All answer.* ℞. Thanks be to God.

*First adorer on the right:*

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

*All answer:* Amen.

Our Father (*inaudibly*) who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*All unite in the Our Father inaudibly.*

*First adorer on the right :*

ψ. May the Lord give unto us His peace.

*All answer :—*℞. And life everlasting. Amen.

*Then all recite kneeling one of the following antiphons of the Blessed Virgin.*

*From the Saturday before the 1st of Advent, to the night of the 1st of February, inclusive.*

*Antiphon.*

Mother of Christ! hear thou thy people's cry,  
Star of the deep, and Portal of the sky!

Mother of Him who thee from nothing made,  
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:

O by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,  
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

*In Advent the following ψ. ℞. and prayer are said.*

*The first adorer on the right :*

ψ. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

*All answer :*

℞. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

LET US PRAY.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Thy Son JESUS Christ by the message of

an angel, so by His Passion and Cross we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*All answer:* Amen.

*From Christmas eve to the night of the 1st of February, inclusive, the following V. R. and Prayer are said instead of the foregoing.*

*First adorer on the right:*

V. After thy delivery thou still remainest a Virgin undefiled.

*All answer:* R. Mother of God, pray for us.

*First adorer on the right:*

LET US PRAY.

O God, Who, by the fruitful virginity of the Blessed Mary, hast given unto mankind the rewards of eternal life; grant we beseech Thee that we may continually feel the might of her intercession; through whom we have worthily received the Author of our life, Our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son.

*All answer:* Amen.

*From the 2nd day of February inclusive, to Maunday Thursday, exclusive.*

*All recite:*

*Antiphon.*—Hail, O Mary, Queen of heaven.



Queen of Angel worlds on high,  
Hail, O Rod to Jesse given,  
Blessed Portal of the sky,  
Hail, O Lady, bright and glorious,  
Clothed in beauty, pure and true,  
Virgin! o'er sin's stain victorious,  
Sinners for thy succour sue.

*First adorer on the right:*

✠ Holy Virgin, my praise by thee accepted be.

*All answer:*

R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

*First adorer on the right:*

LET US PRAY.

Most merciful God, grant, we beseech Thee, a succour unto the frailty of our nature, that as we keep ever alive the memory of the holy Mother of God, so by the help of her intercession we may be raised up from the bondage of our sins. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*All answer:* Amen.

*From Easter Eve inclusive, till the First Vespers of Trinity Sunday, exclusive.*

*All recite, standing:*

*Ant.*—Rejoice! rejoice! thou Queen of Heaven.  
Alleluia.

For He That thee for Son was given, Alleluia.  
As He promised is arisen, Alleluia.  
Mother pray to Him for us, Alleluia.

*First adorer on the right:*

V. O Virgin Mary, be glad and rejoice, Alleluia.

*All answer:*

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

*First adorer on the right:*

LET US PRAY.

O God, Who dost vouchsafe to gladden the whole world by the resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant, we beseech Thee, that by the help of His Mother the Virgin Mary, we may finally attain unto the gladness of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*All answer:* Amen.

*From Trinity Sunday, inclusive, till the Saturday before Advent Sunday, exclusive.*

*All recite, kneeling:*

*Ant.*—Hail, O Queen, Mother of mercy! hail, our life our sweetness, and our hope! To thee we cry, the banished sons of Eve. Toward thee we sigh, weeping and groaning in this vale of tears. Ah, then, thou our Advocate, turn on us those merciful eyes of thine! And, after this our

exile, show to us Jesus, the blessed Fruit of thy womb. O merciful, O gracious, O sweet Virgin Mary!

*First adorer on the right:*

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*First adorer on the right:*

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and everlasting God, Who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst make ready both the body and soul of the glorious Virgin and Mother Mary worthily to become a meet dwelling for Thy Son; grant that as we rejoice in her memory, so by her pitiful intercession we may be delivered from the evils that continually hang over us, and finally from everlasting death. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*All answer:* Amen.

*First adorer on the right:*

Ÿ. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

*All answer:* Amen.







THE OFFICE  
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## THE OFFICE FOR THE DEAD.

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*When all three nocturns are recited the Antiphons throughout the office are doubled. Such is the case when the office is recited for a deceased member of the Confraternity. When only one Nocturn is said the antiphons are recited as far as the \* before the psalms and entire after the same.*

*When the three Nocturns are recited the office begins with the Invitatory. Otherwise, the office begins absolutely with the First Antiphon of the Nocturn to be recited.*

### INVITATORY.

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If three Nocturns are said this first part is recited between 9 and 10 o'clock P. M. and 12 to 1 A. M.

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*All standing, the first adorer on the right begins:*

Unto the Eternal King all live,\* O come, let us worship Him.

*All repeat:*

Unto the Eternal King all live,\* O come, let us worship Him.

*First adorer on the right:*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us make

a joyful noise to the God of our salvation: let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

*All answer:*

Unto the Eternal King all live,\* O come, let us worship Him.

*First adorer on the right:*

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods: in His hands are the inmost depths of the earth; and the heights of the hills are His also.

*All answer:*

O come, let us worship Him.

*First adorer on the right:*

For the sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land: (*all kneel*) O come, let us worship and fall down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, (*here stand.*) For He is the Lord our God; and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

*All answer:*

Unto the Eternal King all live,\* O come, let us worship Him!



*First adorer on the right:*

To-day if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts: as in the "Provocation" and as in the Day of "Temptation" in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, and proved Me, although they had seen My works.

*All answer:*

O come, let us worship Him!

*First adorer on the right:*

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their hearts, and they have not known My ways: unto whom I swore in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest.

*All answer:*

Unto the Eternal King all live,\* O come let us worship Him!

*First adorer on the right:*

O Lord, grant them eternal rest, and let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*All answer:*

O come, let us worship Him!

Unto the Eternal King all live,\* O come, let us worship Him!

*All sit down except the first adorer on the right who begins the first antiphon of the*

## FIRST NOCTURN.

When only one Nocturn is said this First is recited on Mondays and Thursdays between 4 and 5 A. M.

*Ant.*—Make my way straight, before Thy face\*  
O Lord My God.

*The following psalms and antiphons are recited alternately by the adorers on the right and on the left beginning by the former.*

### PSALM V.

Give ear, O Lord, to my words,\* understand my cry.

Hearken to the voice of my prayer,\* O my King and my God.

For to Thee will I pray:\* O Lord, in the morning Thou shalt hear my voice.

In the morning I will stand before Thee, and will see:\* because Thou art not a God that wilt est iniquity.

Neither shall the wicked dwell near Thee:\* nor shall the unjust abide before Thy eyes.

Thou hatest all the workers of iniquity:\* Thou wilt destroy all that speak a lie.

The bloody and deceitful man the Lord will abhor.\* But as for me in the multitude of Thy mercy

I will come into Thy house:\* I will worship towards Thy holy temple, in Thy fear.

Conduct me, O Lord, in Thy justice:\* because of my enemies, direct my way in Thy sight.

For there is no truth in their mouth:\* their heart is vain.

Their throat is an open sepulchre: they dealt deceitfully with their tongues:\* judge them, O God.

Let them fall from their devices: according to the multitude of their wickednesses cast them out:\* for they have provoked Thee, O Lord.

But let all them be glad that hope in Thee:\* they shall rejoice for ever, and Thou shalt dwell in them.

And all they that love Thy name shall glory in Thee:\* For Thou wilt bless the just.

O Lord, Thou hast crowned us,\* as with a shield of Thy good will.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—Make my way straight before Thy face,  
O my God.

*Ant.*—Return, O Lord, deliver my soul:\* O save  
me for Thy mercy's sake.

*PSALM VI.*

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thy indignation,\*  
nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

Have mercy on me O Lord, for I am weak:\*  
heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly:\* but  
Thou O Lord, how long?

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul:\* O  
save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death, that is mindful of  
Thee:\* and who shall confess to Thee in hell?

I have laboured in my groanings, every night  
I will wash my bed:\* I will water my couch with  
my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation:\* I  
have grown old amongst my enemies.

Depart from me all ye workers of iniquity:\* for  
the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication:\* the  
Lord hath received my prayer.



Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled:\* let them be turned back, and be ashamed very speedily.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

*Ant.*—Lest he tear my soul like a lion,\* while there is none to deliver or to save.

### PSALM VII.

O Lord my God, in Thee have I put my trust\* save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.

Lest at any time he seize upon my soul like a lion,\* while there is no one to redeem me, nor to save.

O Lord my God, if I have done this thing,\* if there be iniquity in my hands:

If I have rendered to them that repaid me evils,\* let me deservedly fall empty before my enemies.

Let the enemy pursue my soul, and take it, and tread down my life on the earth,\* and bring down my glory to the dust.

Rise up, O Lord, in Thy anger:\* and be Thou exalted in the borders of my enemies.

And arise, O Lord my God in the precept which Thou hast commanded:\* and a congregation or people shall surround Thee.

And for their sakes return Thou on high.\* The Lord judgeth the people.

Judge me, O Lord, according to my justice,\* and according to my innocence in me.

The wickedness of sinners shall be brought to nought; and Thou shalt direct the just:\* the searcher of hearts and reins *is* God.

Just is my help from the Lord:\* Who saveth the upright of heart.

God is a just judge, strong and patient:\* is He angry every day?

Except you will be converted, He will brandish His sword:\* He hath bent His bow and made it ready.

And in it He hath prepared the instruments of death,\* He hath made ready His arrows for them that burn.

Behold, He hath been in labour with injustice:\* He hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth iniquity.

He hath opened a pit and dug it:\* and he is fallen into the hole he made.

His sorrow shall be turned on his own head:\*  
and his iniquity shall come down upon his crown.

I will give glory to the Lord according to His  
justice:\* and will sing to the name of the Lord  
the most high.

*Ant.*—Lest he tear my soul like a lion, while  
there is none to deliver, or to save.

*All rise, and the first adorer on the right recites:*

ψ. From the gates of the grave.

*All answer:*

℞. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

*The “Our Father” is then said silently. At the  
end of it all sit except the second adorer on the right  
who, standing, recites the*

### FIRST LESSON.

Lord! let me alone; for my days are vanity.  
What is man, that Thou shouldest magnify him?  
or that Thou shouldest set Thine heart upon him?  
Thou visitest him very early, and triest him sud-  
denly. How long wilt Thou not depart from me,  
nor let me alone, till I swallow down my spittle?  
I have sinned; what shall I do unto Thee, O Thou  
Preserver of men? why hast Thou set me as a

mark against Thee, so that I am a burden to myself? why dost Thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? Behold! now shall I sleep in the dust, and if Thou shalt seek me in the morning, I shall not be.

*All then recite the Responsory:*

R. I believe that my Redeemer liveth, and that I shall stand up from the earth at the latter day, and in my flesh shall I see God my Saviour.

*Second adorer on the right:*

ψ. Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another.

*All answer:*

R. And in my flesh shall I see God my Saviour.

*The second adorer on the right still standing recites the*

## *SECOND LESSON.*

My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say unto God: do not condemn me; show me wherefore Thou judgest me thus. Doth it seem good unto Thee that Thou shouldest maltreat me, that Thou shouldest oppress the work of Thine hands, and help the council of the wicked? Hast Thou eyes of flesh? or



seest Thou as man seeth? Are Thy days as the days of man? Are Thy years as the times of men, that Thou inquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? Yet Thou knowest that I have done no wrong, but that there is none that can deliver out of Thine hand.

*All then recite the Responsory:*

R. Thou who didst call up Lazarus from the grave after that he had began to decay! do Thou, O Lord, grant them rest and a place of forgiveness.

*Second adorer on the right:*

ψ. Thou who shalt come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

*All answer:*

R. Do Thou, O Lord, grant them rest and a place of forgiveness.

*The second adorer on the right still standing, recites the*

### THIRD LESSON.

Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; and dost Thou so suddenly destroy me? Remember, I beseech Thee, that Thou hast made me as the clay, and that Thou will bring me into the dust again. Hast Thou

not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh; and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. Thou hast granted me life and favour, and Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

*All then recite the Responsory:*

R. Lord when Thou comest to judge the earth, where shall I hide myself from the face of Thy wrath? for I have sinned greatly in my life.

*Second adorer on the right:*

ψ. I dread my sins, I blush before Thee.  
I see the Great Tribunal set!  
In fear and terror I implore Thee,  
Forgive when soul and Judge are met!

*All answer:*

R. For I have sinned greatly in my life.

*Second adorer on the right:*

ψ O Lord, grant them eternal rest and let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*All answer:*

R. For I have sinned greatly in my life.

## SECOND NOCTURN.

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If the whole Office be recited this second part should be said from 10 to 11 P. M. and from 1 to 2 A. M. If only one Nocturn, then this second part should be said on Tuesdays and Fridays between 4 and 5 o'clock, A. M.

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*First adorer on the right:*

*Antiphon.*—He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

*The following psalms and antiphons are recited alternately by the adorers on the right and on the left beginning by the former.*

### PSALM XXII.

The Lord ruleth me: and I shall want nothing,\*  
He hath set me in a place of pasture.

He hath brought me up, on the water of refreshment:\* He hath converted my soul.

He hath led me on the paths of Justice,\* for His own name's sake.

For though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evils,\* for Thou art with me.

Thy rod and Thy staff,\* they have comforted me.

Thou hast prepared a table before me,\* against them that afflict me.

Thou hast anointed my head with oil;\* and my chalice which inebriateth *me* how goodly is it!

And Thy mercy will follow me\* all the days of my life.

And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord,\* unto length of days.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

*Ant.*—Lord, remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.

### *PSALM XXIV.*

To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.\* In Thee, O my God, I put my trust: let me not be ashamed.

Neither let my enemies laugh at me:\* for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.

Let all them be confounded that act unjust things\* without cause.



Shew, O Lord, Thy ways to me,\* and teach me Thy paths.

Direct me in Thy truth, and teach me;\* for Thou art God my Saviour; and on Thee have I waited all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion:\* and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world.

The sins of my youth\* and my ignorances do not remember.

According to Thy mercy remember Thou me:\* for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

The Lord is sweet and righteous:\* therefore He will give a law to sinners in the way.

He will guide the mild in judgment:\* He will teach the meek his ways.

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth,\* to them that seek after His covenant and His testimonies.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord, Thou will pardon my sin:\* for it is great.

Who is the man that feareth the Lord?\* He hath appointed Him a law in the way he hath chosen.

His soul shall dwell in good things:\* and his seed shall inherit the land.

The Lord is a firmament to them that fear Him:\* and His covenant shall be made manifest to them.

My eyes are ever towards the Lord:\* for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare.

Look Thou upon me; and have mercy on me;\* for I am alone and poor.

The troubles of my heart are multiplied:\* deliver me from my necessities.

See my abjection and my labour:\* and forgive me all my sins.

Consider my enemies, for they are multiplied,\* and have hated me with an unjust hatred.

Keep Thou my soul, and deliver me:\* I shall not be ashamed, for I have hoped in Thee.

The innocent and the upright have adhered to me:\* because I have waited on Thee.

Deliver Israel, O God,\* from all his tribulations.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—Lord, remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.

*Ant.*—I believe that I shall yet see\* the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

*PSALM XXVI.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation,\* whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the protector of my life;\* of whom shall I be afraid?

Whilst the wicked draw near against me,\* to eat my flesh.

My enemies that trouble me,\* have themselves been weakened, and have fallen.

If armies in camp should stand together against me,\* my heart shall not fear.

If a battle should rise up against me,\* in this will I be confident.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek after;\* that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life.

That I may see the delight of the Lord,\* and may visit His temple,

For He hath hidden me in His tabernacle:\* in the day of evils, He hath protected me in the secret place of His tabernacle.

He hath exalted me upon a rock:\* and now He hath lifted up my head above my enemies.

I have gone round, and have offered up in His tabernacle a sacrifice of jubilation:\* I will sing, and recite a psalm to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, my voice, with which I have cried to Thee:\* have mercy on me, and hear me.

My heart hath said to Thee:\* My face hath sought Thee: Thy face, O Lord, will I still seek.

Turn not away Thy face from me:\* decline not in Thy wrath from Thy servant.

Be Thou my helper, forsake me not;\* do not Thou despise me, O God my Saviour.

For my father and my mother have left me:\* but the Lord hath taken me up.

Set me, O Lord, a law in my way,\* and guide me in the right path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not over to the will of them that trouble me:\* for unjust witnesses have risen up against me; and iniquity hath lied to itself.



I believe to see the good things of the Lord\*  
in the land of the living,

Expect the Lord, do manfully,\* and let thy  
heart take courage, and wait thou for the Lord.

*Ant.*—I believe that I shall yet see the good-  
ness of the Lord in the land of the living.

*All stand whilst the first adorer on the right reads:*

¶. May the Lord set them with princes.

*All answer:*

R. Even with the princes of His people.

*The "Our Father" is then said silently. At the  
end of it all sit except the second adorer on the right  
who, standing, recites the*

### FOURTH LESSON.

(Job XIII.—22.)

Answer Thou me: how many are my iniquities  
and sins? Make me to know my transgressions  
and offences. Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face,  
and holdest me for Thine enemy? Dost Thou  
show forth Thy power against a leaf driven to  
and fro by the wind? and wilt Thou pursue the  
dry stubble? For Thou writest bitter things  
against me, and art fain to consume me with the  
iniquities of my youth. Thou puttest my feet in  
the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths,

and observest my footsteps, and as a rotten thing I am to be consumed, and as a garment that is moth-eaten.

*Then all recite the Responsory:*

**R.** Remember, O God, that my life is wind. The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more.

*The second adorer on the right, still standing, recites the verse:*

**V.** Out of depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord!

Lord, hear my voice.

*All answer:*

**R.** The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more.

*The second adorer on the right still standing, recites the*

## **FIFTH LESSON.**

(Job XIV.—1.)

Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. And dost Thou think it worthy to open Thine eyes upon such an one, and to bring him into judgment with Thee? Who

can bring a clean thing out of unclean seed? Is it not Thou who alone art? The days of man are short, the number of his months is with Thee: Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass. Turn from him for a little while, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

*All then recite the Responsory:*

R. Woe is me, O Lord! for I have sinned greatly in my life. I am smitten: what shall I do? whither shall I flee but unto Thee, O my God? Have mercy upon me, when Thou comest at the latter day.

*The second adorer on the right still standing, recites the Verse:*

ψ. My soul is sore vexed, but Thou, O Lord, help me.

*All answer:*

R. Have mercy upon me, when Thou comest at the latter day.

*The second adorer on the right still standing, recites the*

### SIXTH LESSON.

O that Thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that Thou wouldest keep me secret, until Thy

wrath be past; that Thou wouldest appoint me a set time and remember me. If a man die, shalt he live again? All the days wherein I now toil, I am waiting till my chance come. Thou shall call and I will answer Thee, Thou wilt stretch forth Thy right hand unto the work of Thine hands. Thou dost indeed number my steps, but be Thou merciful unto my sins.

*All then recite the Responsory:*

R. Hold not my sins in remembrance, O Lord, when Thou comest to judge the world by fire.

*The second adorer on the right, still standing, recites the Verse:*

ψ. Make my way straight before Thy face, O Lord, my God.

*All answer:*

R. When Thou comest to judge the world by fire.

*Second adorer on the right:*

ψ O Lord, grant them eternal rest and let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*All answer:*

R. When Thou comest to judge the world by fire.



## THIRD NOCTURN.

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If the whole Office be recited, this third part should be said from 11 to 12 P. M. and from 2 to 3 A. M. If only one Nocturn, then this third part should be said on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 4 and 5 A. M.

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*First adorer on the right:*

*Antiphon.*—Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:\*  
O Lord, look upon me to help me.

*The following psalms and antiphons are recited alternately by the adorers on the right and on the left beginning by the former.*

## PSALM XXXIX.

With expectation I have waited for the Lord;\*  
and He was attentive to me.

And He heard my prayers,\* and brought me  
out of the pit of misery and the mire of dregs.

And He set my feet upon a rock,\* and directed  
my steps.

And He put a new canticle into my mouth,\*  
a song to our God.

Many shall see, and shall fear:\* and they shall  
hope in the Lord.

Blessed is the man whose trust is in the name of the Lord;\* and who hath not had regard to vanities, and lying follies.

Thou hast multiplied Thy wonderful works, O Lord my God:\* and in thy thoughts there is no one like to Thee.

I have declared, and I have spoken:\* they are multiplied above number.

Sacrifice and oblation Thou didst not desire;\* but Thou hast pierced ears for me.

Burnt-offering and sin-offering Thou didst not require:\* then said I: Behold I come.

In the head of the book it is written of me that I should do Thy will:\* O my God, I have desired *it*, and Thy law in the midst of my heart.

I have declared Thy justice in a great church:\* lo, I will not restrain my lips: O Lord, Thou knowest it.

I have not hid Thy justice within my heart:\* I have declared Thy truth and Thy salvation.

I have not concealed Thy mercy and Thy truth from a great council,

Withhold not Thou, O Lord, Thy tender mercies from me:\* Thy mercy and Thy truth have always upheld me.

For evils without number have surrounded me:\* my iniquities have overtaken me, and I was not able to see.

They are multiplied above the hairs of my head:\* and my heart hath forsaken me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:\* look down, O Lord, to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed together, that seek after my soul\* to take it away.

Let them be turned backward, and be ashamed\* that desire evil to me.

Let them immediately bear their confusion,\* that say to me: 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee:\* and let such as love Thy salvation say always: The Lord be magnified.

But I am a beggar and poor;\* the Lord is careful for me.

Thou art my helper and my protector:\* O my God, be not slack.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, look upon me to help me.

*Ant.*—Lord, heal my soul;\* for I have sinned against Thee.

*PSALM XL.*

Blessed is he that understandeth concerning the needy and the poor:\* the Lord will deliver him in the evil day.

The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth:\* and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

The Lord help him on his bed of sorrow:\* Thou hast turned all his couch in his sickness.

I said: O Lord, be Thou merciful to me:\* heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

My enemies have spoken evil against me:\* when shall he die, and his name perish?

And if he came in to see *me*, he spoke vain things,\* his heart gathered together iniquity to itself.

He went out,\* and spoke to the same purpose.

All my enemies whispered together against me:\* they devised evils to me.

They determined against me an unjust word:\* shall he that sleepeth rise again no more?



For even the man of my peace, in whom I trusted,\* who ate my bread, hath greatly supplanted me.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy on me, and raise me up again:\* and I will requite them.

By this I know that Thou hast had a good will for me:\* because my enemy shall not rejoice over me.

But Thou hast upheld me by reason of my innocence;\* and hast established me in Thy sight for ever.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel from eternity to eternity.\* So be it. So be it.

O Lord grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—Lord, heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.

*Ant.*—My soul thirsteth for the living God;\* when shall I come and appear before God?

### *PSALM XLI.*

As the hart panteth after the fountains of waters;\* so my soul panteth after Thee, O God.

My soul hath thirsted after the strong living God;\* when shall I come, and and appear before the face of God?

My tears have been my bread day and night, whilst it is said to me daily:\* Where is thy God?

These things I remembered, and poured out my soul in me:\* for I shall go over into the place of the wonderful tabernacle, even to the house of God,

With the voice of joy and praise;\* the noise of one feasting.

Why art thou sad, O my soul?\* and why dost thou trouble me?

Hope in God, for I will still give praise to Him:\* the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

My soul is troubled within myself:\* therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan and Hermoniim, from the little hill.

Deep calleth on deep,\* at the noise of Thy flood-gates.

All Thy heights and Thy billows\* have passed over me.

In the day time the Lord hath commanded His mercy;\* and a canticle to Him in the night.

With me is prayer to the God of my life, I will say to God:\* Thou art my support.

Why hast Thou forgotten me?\* and why go I mourning, whilst my enemy afflicteth me?

Whilst my bones are broken,\* my enemies who trouble me have reproached me.

Whilst they say to me day by day:\* Where is thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul?\* and why dost thou disquiet me?

Hope thou in God, for I will still give praise to Him:\* the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—My soul thirsteth for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?

*All stand whilst the first adorer on the right reads:*

ψ. O deliver not unto beasts the souls of those that praise Thee!

*All answer:*

R. And forget not the souls of Thy poor forever.

*The "Our Father" is then said silently. At the end of it all sit except the second adorer on the right who, standing, recites the*

### SEVENTH LESSON.

(Job XVII.—I.)

My breath will wax feebler, and my days fewer, and there is nothing before me but the grave. I have not sinned; yet mine eye remaineth in affliction. Deliver me, O Lord, and set me beside Thee; and let any man's hand fight against me. My days are past, my purposes are broken off, and are but vexation to my spirit. They change the night into day, and again, after the darkness I hope for light. If I wait, the grave is mine house; I have made my bed in the darkness. I have said to corruption: thou art my father—to the worm: thou art my mother and my sister. Where therefore is now my hope? As for my patience who shall consider it?

*All then recite the Responsory:*

R. Forasmuch as I sin daily, and repent not, the fear of death troubleth me. O God, have mercy upon me, and save me, for in hell there is no redemption.

*The second adorer on the right, still standing, recites the Verse:*



ψ. Save me, O God, by Thy name, and judge me in Thy strength.

*All answer:*

℞. O God, have mercy upon me, and save me, for in hell there is no redemption.

*The second adorer on the right still standing, recites the*

### EIGHTH LESSON.

(Job XIX.—20.)

My flesh is consumed, my bone cleaveth unto my skin, and there remaineth not round my teeth save the skin of my lips. Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, at least ye that are my friends, for the hand of the Lord hath touched me. Why do ye persecute me as God, and glut yourselves upon my flesh? O that my words were now written! O that they were inscribed in a book with an iron pen or cut in lead or graven with a chisel upon the flinty rock! For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that I shall stand up from the earth, at the latter day, and in my flesh shall I see God; Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. This is mine hope that is laid up in my bosom.

*All then recite the Responsory:*

R. O Lord, judge me not according to my works; for I have done nothing that can be counted in respect of Thee. I beseech Thy majesty therefore, that Thou wouldest blot out my transgressions, O God.

*The second adorer on the right still standing, recites the Verse:*

V. Lord, wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

*All answer:*

R. Blot out my transgressions, O God.

*The second adorer on the right still standing, recites the*

### NINTH LESSON.

(Job X.—18.)

Wherefore hast Thou brought me forth out of the womb? O that I had perished, and no eye had seen me! I should have been as though I had not been—I should have been carried from the womb to the grave. Are not my days few? Let me alone then, that I may comfort myself a little in my sorrow, before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death, a land of cheerlessness and darkness, where the night of death dwelleth,

without any order, but shapelessness and dreadfulness of darkness for ever.

*When the three Nocturns have been said the following Responsory will be recited by all:*

R. Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that awful day when the heavens and the earth shall be shaken, and Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

*The second adorer on the right, still standing, recites the verse:*

V. Quaking and dread take hold upon me, when I look for the coming of the trial and the wrath to come.

*All answer:*

R. When the heavens and the earth shall be shaken.

*Second adorer on the right:*

V. That day is the day of wrath, of wasteness and desolation, a great day and exceeding bitter.

*All answer:*

R. When Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

*Second adorer on the right:*

V. O Lord, grant them eternal rest, and let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*All answer :*

R. Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that awful day when the heavens and the earth shall be shaken, and Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

*When only one Nocturn has been said, then, at the end, instead of the foregoing Responsory the following is to be recited :*

R. Deliver me from the ways of hell, O Lord, Who didst break the gates of brass in sunder, and didst descend into hell, and give them light, that they that sat in affliction and darkness, might behold Thee.

*The second adorer on the right, still standing, recites :*

ψ. Crying and saying, Thou hast come, O our Redeemer.

*All answer :*

R. That they that sat in affliction and darkness, might behold Thee.

*Second adorer on the right :*

ψ. O Lord, grant them eternal rest, and let the everlasting light shine upon them !



*All answer:*

R. That they that sat in affliction and darkness might behold Thee.

## LAUDS.

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This fourth part should be said from 3 to 4 A. M. if three Nocturns have been said, otherwise from 5 to 6 A. M.

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*The following psalms and antiphons are recited alternately by the adorers on the right and on the left beginning by the former.*

*All sitting, the first adorer on the right begins the Antiphon.*—The bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

### PSALM L.

Have mercy on me, O God,\* according to Thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies,\* blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity,\* and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity,\* and my sin is always before me.

To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee;\* that Thou mayest be justified

in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities:\* and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold, Thou hast loved truth:\* the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed:\* Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing Thou shalt give joy and gladness;\* and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away Thy face from my sins,\* and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God:\* and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from Thy face;\* and take not Thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,\* and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust Thy ways:\* and the wicked shall be converted to Thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, Thou God of my salvation:\* and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.

O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips:\* and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it:\* with burnt-offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit:\* a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Deal favourably, O Lord, in Thy good-will with Sion;\* that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt-offerings:\* then shall they lay calves upon Thy altar.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—The bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

*Ant.*—Lord, hear my prayer;\* unto Thee shall all flesh come.

*PSALM LXIV.*

A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Sion:\* and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem.

O hear my prayer:\* all flesh shall come to Thee.

The words of the wicked have prevailed over us:\* and Thou wilt pardon our transgressions.

Blessed is he whom Thou hast chosen, and taken to Thee:\* he shall dwell in Thy courts.

We shall be filled with the good things of Thy house;\* holy is Thy temple, wonderful in justice.

Hear us, O God our Saviour,\* *Who art* the hope of all the ends of the earth, and in the sea afar off.

Thou who preparest the mountains by Thy strength, being girded with power:\* who troublest the depth of the sea, the noise of its waves.

The gentiles shall be troubled, and they that dwell in the uttermost borders shall be afraid at Thy signs:\* Thou shalt make the out-goings of the morning and of the evening to be joyful:

Thou hast visited the earth, and hast plentifully watered it;\* Thou hast many ways enriched it.



The river of God is filled with water, Thou hast prepared their food:\* for so is its preparation.

Fill up plentifully the streams thereof, multiply its fruits,\* it shall spring up and rejoice in its showers.

Thou shalt bless the crown of the year of Thy goodness:\* and Thy fields shall be filled with plenty.

The beautiful places of the wilderness shall grow fat:\* and the hills shall be girded about with joy.

The rams of the flock are clothed, and the vales shall abound with corn:\* they shall shout, yea, they shall sing a hymn.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—Lord hear my prayer; unto Thee shall all flesh come.

*Ant.*—Thy right hand\* upholdeth me.

### PSALM LXII.

O God my God,\* to Thee do I watch at break of day.

For Thee my soul hath thirsted;\* for Thee my flesh, O how many ways!

In a desert land, and where there is no way, and no water:\* so in the sanctuary have I come before Thee, to see Thy power and Thy glory.

For Thy mercy is better than lives:\* Thee my lips shall praise.

Thus will I bless Thee *all* my life long:\* and in Thy name I will lift up my hands.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness:\* and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips.

If I have remembered Thee upon my bed, I will meditate on Thee in the morning:\* because Thou hast been my helper.

And I will rejoice under the covert of Thy wings: my soul hath stuck close to Thee:\* Thy right hand hath received me.

But they have sought my soul in vain, they shall go into the lower parts of the earth:\* they shall be delivered into the hands of the sword, they shall be the portions of foxes.

But the king shall rejoice in God, all they shall be praised that swear by Him:\* because the mouth is stopped of them that speak wicked things.

*Here the "Eternal rest etc.," is not said.*

*PSALM LXVI.*

May God have mercy on us, and bless us;\* may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and may He have mercy on us:

That we may know Thy way upon earth:\* Thy salvation in all nations.

Let people confess to Thee, O God:\* let all people give praise to Thee.

Let the nations be glad and rejoice:\* for Thou judgest the people with justice, and directest the nations upon earth.

Let the people, O God, confess to Thee:\* let all the people give praise to Thee: the earth hath yielded her fruit.

May God our God bless us, may God bless us:\* and all the ends of the earth fear Him.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—Thy right hand upholdeth me.

*Ant.*—From the gates of hell\* deliver my soul,  
O Lord.

*SONG OF EZECHIAS.*

Isa. xxxviii.—10.

I said: In the midst of my days\* I shall go to the gates of hell:

I sought for the residue of my years.\* I said:  
I shall not see the Lord God in the land of the  
living:

I shall behold man no more,\* nor the inhabitant  
of rest.

My generation is at an end; and it is rolled  
away from me,\* as a shepherd's tent:

My life is cut off, as by a weaver: whilst I was  
yet but beginning, he cut me off:\* from morning  
even to night thou wilt make an end of me.

I hoped till morning;\* as a lion so hath he  
broken all my bones:

From morning even to night Thou wilt make  
an end of me.\* I will cry like a young swallow;  
I will meditate like a dove:

My eyes are weakened\* looking upward:

Lord, I suffer violence: answer Thou for me.\*  
What shall I say, or what shall he answer for me,  
whereas he himself hath done it?

I will recount to Thee all my years\* in the bit-  
terness of my soul.

O Lord, if man's life be such, and the life of my  
spirit be in such things as these, Thou shalt cor-  
rect me, and make me to live.\* Behold, in peace  
is my bitterness most bitter:



But Thou hast delivered my soul that it should not perish:\* Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.

For hell shall not confess to Thee: neither shall death praise Thee:\* nor shall they that go down into the pit, look for Thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall give praise to Thee, as I do this day:\* the father shall make Thy truth known to the children.

O Lord, save me:\* and we will sing out psalms all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—From the gates of hell deliver my soul,  
O Lord.

*Ant.*—Let every thing that hath breath\* praise the Lord.

*PSALM CXLVIII.*

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens:\* praise ye Him in the high places.

Praise ye Him, all His Angels:\* praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, O sun and moon:\* praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens:\* and let all the waters that are above the heavens, praise the name of the Lord.

For He spoke, and they were made:\* He commanded, and they were created.

He hath established them for ever, and for ages of ages:\* He hath made a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,\* ye dragons, and all ye deeps:

Fire, hail, snow, ice, stormy winds,\* which fulfil His word:

Mountains, and all hills,\* fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts, and all cattle:\* serpents, and feathered fowls:

Kings of the earth, and all people:\* princes, and all judges of the earth:

Young men, and maidens: let the old with the younger praise the name of the Lord:\* for His name alone is exalted.

The praise of Him is above heaven and earth:\* and He hath exalted the horn of His people.

A hymn to all His saints:\* to the children of Israel, a people approaching to Him.

*Here the "Eternal rest, etc." is not said.*

PSALM CXLIX.

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle:\* let His praise be in the church of the saints.

Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him:\* and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise His name in choir:\* let them sing to Him with the timbrel and the psaltery.

For the Lord is well pleased with His people:\* and He will exalt the meek unto salvation.

The saints shall rejoice in glory:\* they shall be joyful in their beds.

The high praises of God shall be in their mouth:\* and two-edged swords in their hands:

To execute vengeance upon the nations,\* chastisements among the people;

To bind their kings with fetters,\* and their nobles with manacles of iron;

To execute upon them the judgment that is written:\* this glory is to all His saints.

*Here the "Eternal rest, etc." is not said.*

## PSALM CL.

Praise ye the Lord in His holy places:\* praise ye Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise ye Him for His mighty acts:\* praise ye Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

Praise Him with sound of trumpet:\* praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with timbrel and choir:\* praise Him with strings and organs.

Praise Him on high-sounding cymbals: praise Him on cymbals of joy:\* let every spirit praise the Lord.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

*All arising, the second adorer on the right, recites the Verse:*

ψ. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me:

*All answer:*

℞. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

*The first adorer on the right then begins the Antiphon of the Benedictus, those on the right and left*



*reciting alternately the verses, beginning by the former, all standing:*

*Ant.*—I am the resurrection and the life:\* he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

### SONG OF ZACHARY.

St. Luke I.—68-79.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,\* because He hath visited and wrought the redemption of His people:

And hath raised up a horn of salvation to us,\* in the house of David His servant;

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,\* who are from the beginning:

Salvation from our enemies,\* and from the hand of all that hate us:

To shew mercy to our fathers;\* and to remember His holy covenant.

The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,\* that He would grant to us:

That being delivered from the hand of our enemies,\* we may serve Him without fear,

In holiness and justice before Him\* all our days.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the most High:\* for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare His way:

To give knowledge of salvation to His people,\* unto the remission of their sins,

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God;\* in which the Orient, from on high, hath visited us:

To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:\* to direct our feet into the way of peace.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*Ant.*—I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

*After the repetition of the antiphon all kneel down and the Lord's prayer is recited silently, except the words "Our Father," which are said by the first adorer on the right.*

*At the end he says:*

ψ. And lead us not into temptation.

*All answer:*

℞. But deliver us from evil.

*If three nocturns have been recited then the Psalm cxxix is said alternately by the adorers on the right and left beginning by the former.*

PSALM CXXIX.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord:\* Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thy ears be attentive\* to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities,\* Lord who shall stand it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness:\* and by reason of Thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word:\* My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night,\* let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy;\* and with Him plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel\* from all his iniquities.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

*At the end of the psalm the first adorer on the right rises, the rest kneeling, and recites the following verses and prayers:*

ψ. From the gates of hell.

*All answer:*

R. Deliver their souls, O Lord!

ψ. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

ψ. Hear my prayer, O Lord.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

LET US PRAY.

(FOR A DECEASED BISHOP OR PRIEST.)

O God, Who in the ranks of an Apostolic Priesthood, hast caused Thy servant (*here express his Christian name*) to stand before Thee in the high place of a Bishop (*or Priest,*) grant, we beseech Thee, that he may be joined unto the company of such in everlasting blessedness. Through Our Lord JESUS Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

(FOR A LAYMAN.)

O Lord, incline thine ear unto the prayers whereby we humbly call upon Thee to show mercy unto the soul of Thy servant (*here express the*



*Christian name*) which it hath pleased Thee to call out of this world, that it may please Thee also to set him in a place of peace and light, and give him a part with Thy saints. Through Our Lord JESUS Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

ψ. O Lord, grant them eternal rest,

R. And let the everlasting light shine upon them.

ψ. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

*Thus absolutely ends the Office.*





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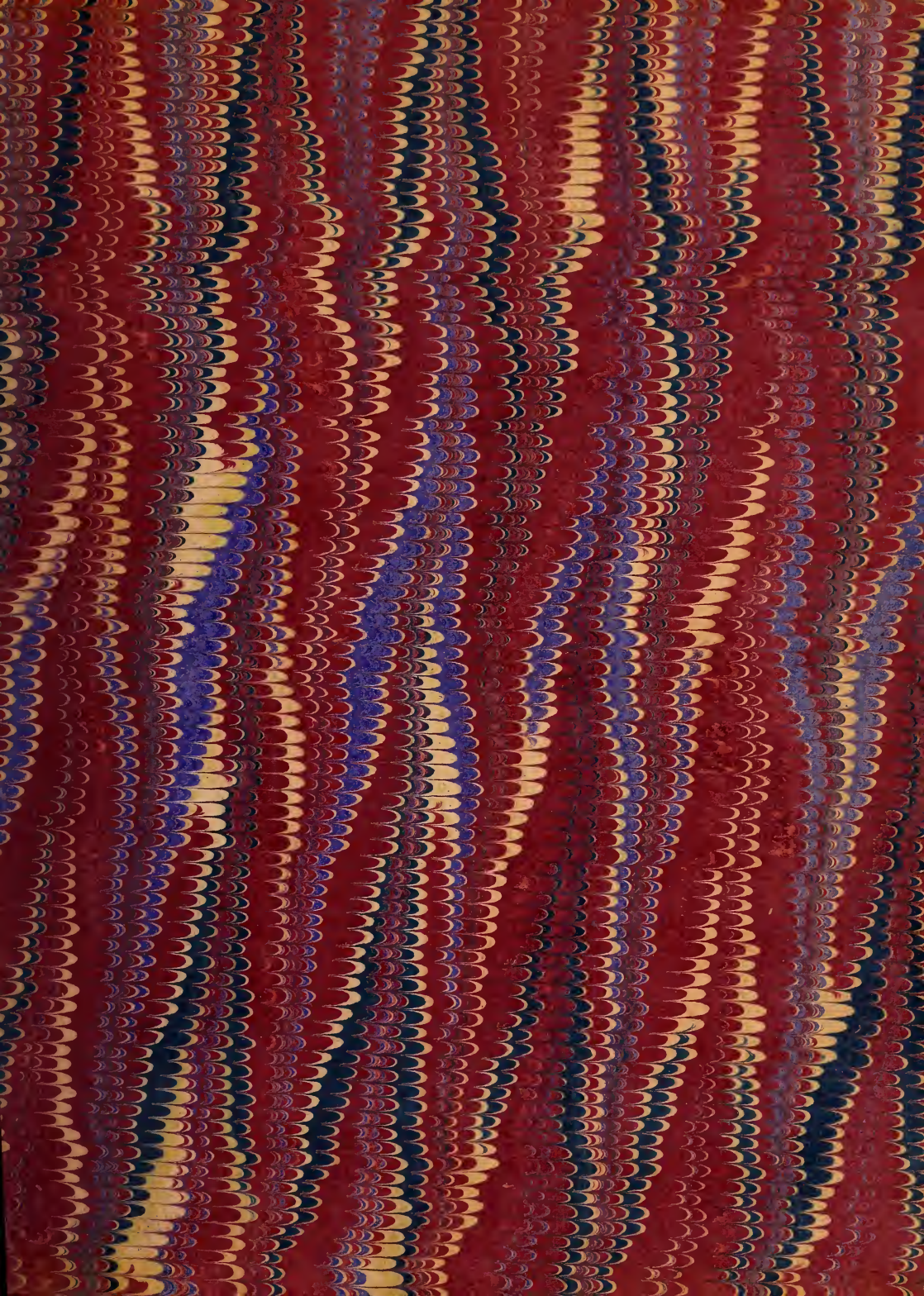














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